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ORDER AND STIPULATED DISCOVERY PLAN

Plaintiffs representing direct purchasers and indirect purchaser class plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") and Defendants in the above-captioned litigation, and the United States, through the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Parties") have agreed to the terms of this Stipulation and Order Regarding Discovery; Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

(1) The Parties have agreed to staggered discovery. Unless stayed by order of the Court, document discovery may proceed after the filing of the Master Consolidated Complaints, subject to the conditions provided below. No interrogatories, requests for admissions, or individual depositions or depositions conducted pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6), shall be propounded on the issue of liability prior to October 31, 2011. All such other discovery, including interrogatories and depositions on issues other than liability,

may proceed subject to the limits and conditions established by the Court, agreed to by the parties, or addressed by this Stipulation and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including agreement or order on the discovery protocols referenced in paragraph 11 of the Court's Initial Case Management Conference Order dated January 20, 2011. If at any time prior to October 31, 2011, the Government believes that the initial document focused discovery phase should be extended beyond that date, the Government shall notify Plaintiffs and Defendants, and the Parties shall meet and confer in an effort to reach a mutually acceptable agreement about an extension of the limitations period;

- (2) Plaintiffs and Defendants agree, consistent with restrictions below, that they will not attempt to track the government's investigation through any form of written discovery requests, requests for admissions, interrogatories, or through questions during depositions at any phase in the discovery process;
- (3) Before Plaintiffs or Defendants serve any written discovery request(s) or subpoena(s), including requests for production of documents, subpoenas duces tecum, interrogatories, and requests for admissions, the issuing party will provide a copy of the proposed request(s) to the Antitrust Division at least fourteen business days before serving the request(s) on opposing parties;
- (4) The Party propounding the discovery will meet and confer as necessary with the Government concerning the proposed discovery request(s) or subpoena to attempt to resolve any Government objection(s);
- (5) In the event that such conference fails to resolve the objection(s) and parties serve a discovery request or subpoena to which the Government objects, the Party may serve the request and the Government may file a motion objecting to or seeking to stay the requested discovery, subpoena response or deposition

within fourteen (14) days of service of such request. The Parties agree that the proposed request or subpoena will be stayed automatically pending a ruling from the Court on the Motion by the Government.

- (6) Plaintiffs and Defendants will serve on the Government by email a copy of all written discovery requests and subpoenas served on any individual or entity;
- (7) In the event that the Government concludes that a motion objecting to or seeking to stay any requested discovery or subpoena response would disclose information that would materially affect the integrity of the Government's investigation, the Government will make a motion to proceed ex parte and/or under seal;
- (8) Upon the expiration of the first phase of staggered discovery, the Plaintiffs and Defendants may seek requests for admissions, propose interrogatories, and proceed with depositions on the issue of liability consistent with the limits and conditions established by the Court, agreed to by the parties, or addressed by this Stipulation and Order, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or other applicable rules;
- (9) Before a Party requests admissions, proposes interrogatories, notices a deposition, or issues a subpoena for a deposition, that Party will provide a copy of the request for admission, interrogatory, notice or subpoena to the Antitrust Division at least fourteen business days before serving the notice of subpoena;
- (10) The Party proposing the discovery will meet and confer as necessary concerning the proposed requests for admissions, interrogatories, or deposition(s) to attempt to resolve any Government objection(s) to the proposed deposition(s);

- (11) In the event that such conference fails to resolve the objection(s) and Plaintiffs or Defendants proceed with the request for admissions, interrogatories, or notice a deposition or serve a subpoena for testimony to which the Government objects, the Government may file a motion objecting to or seeking to stay the requested deposition within fourteen days of service of such notice or subpoena. The Parties agree that the proposed deposition will be stayed automatically pending a ruling from the Court on the Motion by the Government.
- (12) Parties will provide to the Government by email a copy of all requests for admissions, interrogatories, or deposition notices and subpoenas for testimony that are served in the course of discovery;
- (13) In the event that the Government concludes that a motion objecting to or seeking to stay any requested deposition would disclose information that would materially affect the integrity of the Government's investigation, the Government will make a motion to proceed ex parte and/or under seal;
- (14) Nothing herein is intended to limit the rights of the Parties to object to or request a stay of any discovery, and the Government reserves the right to waive any portion of its obligations or benefits in this Stipulation at its sole discretion;
- (15) This Order governs discovery issues only as they relate to undersigned Plaintiffs, Defendants and the Government. Nothing in this Order may be read to suggest that the Plaintiffs or Defendants have consented to any discovery. Plaintiffs and Defendants retain all rights to object to discovery requests under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or other applicable rules.

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